

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7 and 9-10 remain in the application. Claims 1-7 and claims 9-10 have been amended. Claim 8 has been cancelled.

New figures 1-6 have been supplied to replace the one figure in the parent application.

The specification has been amended to more clearly disclose applicant's invention and provide a detailed explanation of the six drawing figures.

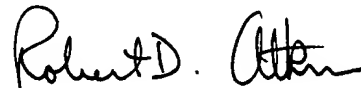
It is now believed that the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, problem of the parent application has been resolved.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 102(e) as being anticipated by Parad, U.S. Patent No. 5,369,570. Applicant's invention claims a method for monitoring of computers on a network using software capability of the computer operating system including electronic mail software to verify operation of the computers on the network. The Parad reference does not mention any of these elements in applicant's claims. Further, the Parad reference mentioning of heterogeneous resources does not appear to refer to computers from different manufacturers on the same network. Therefore, the Parad reference does not anticipate, nor make obvious, applicant's invention.

Accordingly, it is believed that claims 1-7 and 9-10 are in condition for allowance and examination of this file wrapper continuation in part application is respectfully requested.

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